



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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NOTICE

The Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is authorizing the suspension of requirements of specific administrative rules or regulations currently in place in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and subsequent recovery period resulting from the severe storms of May 4-5, 2003.

May 6, 2003

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is providing authorization to waive the following requirements due to the anticipated nature and quantity of wastes generated by the recent storm related cleanup activities.

Section 260.250.1, RSMo, normally prohibits the disposal of certain items in landfills. This authorization will allow storm debris, including demolition debris and yard waste generated as a result of the storm, to be disposed in permitted sanitary or demolition landfills. This also allows the disposal of metal goods such as cars and household appliances in a sanitary landfill when it is not practical to segregate them for metals recovery or recycling. Reasonable efforts should be made to segregate materials for recycling when practicable.

Section 260.205.3, RSMo, normally requires a permit modification to be approved for solid waste disposal areas and processing facilities prior to implementation of changes/deviations from the approved plans and specifications. During the storm cleanup, permitted landfills, transfer stations, and other processing facilities may accumulate, store, and process storm debris upon registration with the department. Political subdivisions of the state may also establish temporary collection sites upon registration with the department. They must register by contacting Mr. Frank Dolan with the department's Solid Waste Management Program at (573) 751-5401. The program will approve all registration requests in writing. Commercial entities wishing to carry out storm debris processing activities must obtain the necessary permits unless they are providing their services through contractual arrangement with an established, permitted solid waste facility or with a political subdivision of the state at a registered site.

10 CSR 10-2.100, Open Burning Restrictions (Kansas City Metro Area) and 10 CSR 10-3.030, Open Burning Restrictions (Outstate Missouri Area), normally restrict the open burning of vegetation and demolition waste. During the storm cleanup, the requirement for a permit may be waived for community-sponsored open burning of vegetation waste provided the burning takes place at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure. Additionally, the open burning of untreated wood waste may be authorized, provided the burning takes places at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure.

Section 644.051, RSMo, prohibits the discharge of water contaminants into any waters of the state. The department is authorizing the waiver of requirements for the following types of discharges associated with the clean-up effort: stormwater discharges resulting from runoff in clean-up areas; storm-related spilled wastes and various liquid pollutants from ruptured pipes such as sewer, petroleum, or chlorinated drinking water; and other discharges from evacuated water from basements, trenches and other low areas. The requirement for commercial entities wishing to carry out clean-up or reconstruction activities to obtain necessary discharge permits may not be waived unless they are providing services through contractual agreement with a municipal, county or state government or other political subdivision of the state. Major spills or discharges to waters of the state should be reported to the appropriate regional office.

10 CSR 60-3.010 Construction Authorization, 10 CSR 60-4.010 Maximum Contaminant Levels and Monitoring Requirements, 10 CSR 60-7.010 Reporting Requirements, and 10 CSR60-8.010 outline certain requirements for public drinking water systems. For water systems affected by the recent storms, the department is authorizing the waiver of the following types of violations of drinking water requirements: water line replacement requirements; low pressure requirements; low chlorine residuals requirements; bacteriological monitoring requirements; general reporting requirements; and general public notice requirements.

The provisions of this notice shall remain in effect until August 7, 2003. Any questions regarding coordination of activities outlined in this notice should be directed to the appropriate regional office.

Sincerely,

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Original signed by Stephen Mahfood

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